

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
1st Legislative Day
Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Pursuant to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Representatives to the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Legislature assembled in the Hall of the House and were called to order by MARK W. EVES of North Berwick, Speaker of the House.

Prayer by Pastor Keith Estabrook, Congregational Church of Litchfield.

Colors presented by Kennebec County Veterans Honor Guard, American Legion Post 205, Augusta and Post 181, Litchfield.

National Anthem by Chris Ellis, Litchfield.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctors of the day, Guy Raymond, M.D., Wallagrass and Leigh Forbush, D.O., North Hampden.

At this point, a message was received from the Senate, borne by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland of that body, announcing a quorum present and that the Senate was ready to transact any business that might properly come before it.

A roll call was taken. 143 out of 151 members answered to their names and accordingly the Chair declared a quorum present.

Those absent were:

Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford
Representative DEVIN of Newcastle
Representative FREY of Bangor
Representative HARLOW of Portland
Representative JOHNSON of Eddington
Representative LIBBY of Waterboro
Representative SAXTON of Harpswell
Representative TREAT of Hallowell

At this point, pursuant to House Rule 201, the Speaker addressed the House.

Speaker **EVES**: Pursuant to House Rule 201, it is my pleasure to address the House. I want to say good morning, welcome back, Happy New Year. It is great to see everybody back in the chamber.

As we begin our short Second Session of the 126th Legislature, I would like to take a few moments to reflect on the work we have accomplished together and the work that lies ahead. Last year, we made great strides for the people of Maine. While the headlines often focused on the areas where we disagreed, much of the successful work we did, we did together. Despite predictions of the worst, we passed a bipartisan budget; we passed an omnibus energy law, invested in our workforce, in our economy, in our roads and our bridges, and strengthened our classrooms and labs. In a divided government, this is clearly no easy task. We could not demand all or nothing and get anything done. Collaboration was our best option and we were able to do it because of the relationship and the respect that we have for one another.

It is easy to forget sometimes how much we all have in common. When we leave this building, we go back home to our families, our friends, our neighbors. We hear the struggles that we face and we come back energized to make a difference, and

we share that goal of making a difference. With that shared goal, I would like to especially thank the Representative from Newport for his leadership and commitment to that goal. Like the caucus we represent, we don't always see eye to eye. But our dedication, passion for moving the state forward and respect for one another, we are able to accomplish that goal.

In this chamber, we have had vigorous and informative debates. We have agreed, we have disagreed, and we have agreed again. We have changed each other's minds, voted green after a passionate speech or an argument well made. As the presiding officer of this body, I am extremely proud to lead you, but I am even more proud to serve alongside you. Today, I challenge myself and I challenge all of you in the chamber to maintain decorum and respect for each other as we enter into this short session. When the debate is heated and the rhetoric is running high, I want it to be clear that this place, in this chamber, is no place to make personal attacks or campaign speeches. We will have plenty of time on the outside to do that after we are done. As the presiding officer, I will be listening keenly to that. I know that I gave wide latitude last time, in terms of allowing some of the speeches. I think we are all better off when we are reminded of the work that we do here and that is to move Maine forward, and we leave the campaign to the campaign outside. There is plenty of time to do that after, hopefully, mid-April, and the work we have to do is critical, the time we have to do it is short, so I encourage all of us to get it done together.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I do believe last session was a productive session and I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with people on both sides of the aisle. I do believe that while we will have obviously very vigorous debate on many hotly contested issues this coming session, I do think that it is incumbent upon us. The people expect us to conduct ourselves in a professional manner. We certainly will look forward to doing that and joining the Speaker in doing that and the campaigns will certainly take care of themselves. I am always reminded by the comments that Speaker Nutting has made in the past that when you travel throughout Maine and you have one of those books of the 151 Representatives in this body, you can go anywhere and you have a friend. If you're in Fort Kent, or Kittery, or Presque Isle, or Wypitlock, you can pick that book up and whether it's a Democrat or a Republican, you can talk to that person and say, "Geez, you know my car is broke down" or "I need this and I need that." That's the way that I look at this body and the people that served in it. While we may disagree on policy, we certainly are family to a certain extent. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would ask, Mr. Speaker, Representative Dave Johnson is under the weather currently, is not feeling well. I would ask that the body keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Mr. Speaker, I would ask when we adjourn today that we adjourn with Representative Dave Johnson in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Bangor, Representative FREY, and he was added to the quorum call of the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

ORDERS

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, the following House Order: (H.O. 31)

ORDERED, that a Committee of ten be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Paul Richard LePage, and inform him that a quorum of the House of Representatives was assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed the following Members to the Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House:

Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston
Representative CAREY of Lewiston
Representative SANBORN of Gorham
Representative ROCHELO of Biddeford
Representative FREY of Bangor
Representative JORGENSEN of Portland
Representative CHASE of Wells
Representative WINSOR of Norway
Representative CLARK of Easton
Representative KESCHL of Belgrade

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the following House Order: (H.O. 32)

ORDERED, that a message be conveyed to the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

READ and PASSED.

The Speaker appointed Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham to inform the Senate that a quorum of the members of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Hall of the House for the consideration of such business as may come before the House.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1216)

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December 23, 2013

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

126th Legislature

Honorable Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

126th Legislature

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On December 23, 2013, 52 bills were received by the Clerk of the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 23, 2013, as follows:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Enforcement Standards for Potatoes" (H.P. 1157) (L.D. 1586) (Sponsored by Representative SAUCIER

of Presque Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: GIFFORD of Lincoln, MAREAN of Hollis) (Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Temporarily Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides" (H.P. 1158) (L.D. 1587) (Sponsored by Representative JONES of Freedom) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, DORNEY of Norridgewock, KUSIAK of Fairfield, MORRISON of South Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Maine Correctional Center" (H.P. 1159) (L.D. 1588) (Sponsored by Representative DION of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator PLUMMER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry" (H.P. 1160) (L.D. 1589) (Sponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais) (Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, HERBIG of Belfast, KINNEY of Limington, McELWEE of Caribou, PARRY of Arundel, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, THOMAS of Somerset) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Operating-under-the-influence Laws" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1161) (L.D. 1590) (Sponsored by Representative NUTTING of Oakland) (Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFISKY of Cumberland and Representatives: HOBBS of Saco, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: COLLINS of York, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, MAZUREK of Knox, VALENTINO of York) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Appointments of Certain Positions in the Department of Corrections" (H.P. 1188) (L.D. 1616) (Sponsored by Representative DION of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator PLUMMER of Cumberland) (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Education and Cultural Affairs

Bill "An Act To Authorize Public Safety Personnel and Members of the Military To Wear Their Uniforms When Visiting Schools in Their Official Capacities" (H.P. 1150) (L.D. 1579) (Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: DOAK of Columbia Falls, KUSIAK of Fairfield, MacDONALD of Boothbay, NADEAU of Winslow, PLANTE of Berwick, SHORT of Pittsfield, WEAVER of York, WILSON of Augusta) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units" (H.P. 1162) (L.D. 1591) (Sponsored by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor) (Cosponsored by Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, JOHNSON of Greenville, KUSIAK of Fairfield, McCLELLAN of Raymond, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, JOHNSON of Lincoln, LANGLEY of Hancock, SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Approval Process for and the Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools in the State" (H.P. 1189) (L.D. 1617) (Sponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay) (Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln and Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, DEVIN of Newcastle, GRANT of Gardiner, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, NADEAU of Winslow, SCHNECK of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a

majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Energy, Utilities and Technology

Bill "An Act To Enhance the Sustainability of the Corinna Water District" (H.P. 1190) (L.D. 1618) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflicts of Interest with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission" (H.P. 1191) (L.D. 1619) (Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DUNPHY of Embden, GIDEON of Freeport, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, RYKERSON of Kittery, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, Senator: YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Increase the Maximum Gas Safety Administrative Penalty Amounts" (H.P. 1192) (L.D. 1620) (Sponsored by Representative HOBBS of Saco) (Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin) (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Create the Newport Natural Gas District" (H.P. 1193) (L.D. 1621) (Sponsored by Representative FREDETTE of Newport) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Health and Human Services

Bill "An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People" (H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1578) (Sponsored by Speaker EVES of North Berwick) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, McELWEE of Caribou, SANBORN of Gorham, WILSON of Augusta, WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro, Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, CAIN of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Use the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Provide Inpatient Mental Health Services for Forensic Patients" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1151) (L.D. 1580) (Sponsored by Representative FREY of Bangor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Increase Access to Quality Child Care" (H.P. 1152) (L.D. 1581) (Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, GILLWAY of Searsport, POULIOT of Augusta, SANBORN of Gorham, Senators: COLLINS of York, FLOOD of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland, SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 32: Allowances for Waiver Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities or Pervasive Developmental Disorders, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1153) (L.D. 1582) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1154) (L.D. 1583) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 21: Allowances for Home and Community Benefits for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1155) (L.D. 1584) (Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act To Improve and Modernize the Authority of Local Health Inspectors" (H.P. 1163) (L.D. 1592) (Sponsored by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SANBORN of Gorham, Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, WOODBURY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Eliminate Financial Inequality in MaineCare Reimbursement for Community-based Behavioral Health Services (H.P. 1164) (L.D. 1593) (Sponsored by Representative SANBORN of Gorham) (Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, PRINGLE of Windham, ROCHELO of Biddeford, Senator: CRAVEN of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Improve Access to Emergency Behavioral Health Services and Increase Public Safety (H.P. 1165) (L.D. 1594) (Sponsored by Representative DORNEY of Norridgewock) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, MALABY of Hancock, MARKS of Pittston, Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1166) (L.D. 1595) (Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRANT of Gardiner, KUSIAK of Fairfield, MORIARTY of Cumberland, PRINGLE of Windham, VEROW of Brewer, Senator: CRAVEN of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend MaineCare Rules as They Pertain to the Delivery of Covered Services via Telecommunications Technology (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1167) (L.D. 1596) (Sponsored by Representative McELWEE of Caribou) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, MAKER of Calais, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, POULIOT of Augusta, SANBORN of Gorham, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: BURNS of Washington, CRAVEN of Androscoggin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1168) (L.D. 1597) (Sponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook) (Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: CASAVANT of Biddeford, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, McCABE of Skowhegan, SANDERSON of Chelsea) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Improve Hospital-based Behavioral Health Treatment for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism" (H.P. 1169) (L.D. 1598) (Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland) (Cosponsored by Senator BOYLE of Cumberland and Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CHIPMAN of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MORRISON of South Portland, PRINGLE of Windham, VEROW of Brewer) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1170) (L.D. 1599) (Sponsored by Representative PRINGLE of Windham) (Cosponsored by Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, SANBORN of Gorham) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries" (H.P. 1195) (L.D. 1623) (Sponsored by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea) (Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, WILSON of Augusta, Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Bill "An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1198) (L.D. 1626) (Sponsored by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond) (Cosponsored by Representatives: GILLWAY of Searsport, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, KINNEY of Limington, POULIOT of Augusta, WILSON of Augusta) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Insurance and Financial Services

Bill "An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplantation Suitability" (H.P. 1172) (L.D. 1600) (Sponsored by Representative RANKIN of Hiram) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BECK of Waterville, COOPER of Yarmouth, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, GATTINE of Westbrook, KINNEY of Limington, KORNFIELD of Bangor, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow, PLANTE of Berwick, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senators: MILLETT of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen Access Requirements and Review Standards for Health Insurance Plans" (H.P. 1199) (L.D. 1676) (Sponsored by Representative McGOWAN of York) (Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, HOBBS of Saco, JORGENSEN of Portland, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PLANTE of Berwick, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RYKERSON of Kittery) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Judiciary

Bill "An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees, Extradition Expenses and Prosecution Costs" (H.P. 1173) (L.D. 1601) (Sponsored by Representative WILLETTE of Mapleton) (Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, McCABE of Skowhegan) (Approved for

introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence from Work for Emergency Response" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1194) (L.D. 1622) (Sponsored by Representative PARRY of Arundel) (Cosponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York and Representatives: FREDETTE of Newport, HOBBS of Saco) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Concerning Pricing Disclosure Requirements and Oversight of Pharmacy Benefits Managers" (H.P. 1196) (L.D. 1624) (Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville) (Cosponsored by Representatives: COOPER of Yarmouth, GILBERT of Jay, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, NADEAU of Winslow, RANKIN of Hiram, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TREAT of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Minor Technical Changes to the Laws Governing the Department of Labor" (H.P. 1200) (L.D. 1677) (Sponsored by Representative VOLK of Scarborough) (Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: HAMANN of South Portland, LOCKMAN of Amherst, Senator: CUSHING of Penobscot) (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Marine Resources

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Effects on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1174) (L.D. 1602) (Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAMPBELL of Newfield, CASSIDY of Lubec, CHENETTE of Saco, CHIPMAN of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, DeCHANT of Bath, DORNEY of Norridgewock, EVANGELOS of Friendship, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GATTINE of Westbrook, GIDEON of Freeport, GILBERT of Jay, GILLWAY of Searsport, GOODE of Bangor, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRANT of Gardiner, HAMANN of South Portland, HERBIG of Belfast, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HOBBS of Saco, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JONES of Freedom, JORGENSEN of Portland, KENT of Woolwich, KINNEY of Limington, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KRUGER of Thomaston, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, KUSIAK of Fairfield, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MARKS of Pittston, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McGOWAN of York, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRISON of South Portland, NELSON of Falmouth, PARRY of Arundel, PLANTE of Berwick, ROCHELO of Biddeford, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SAXTON of Harpswell, SCHNECK of Bangor, SHORT of Pittsfield, WILSON of Augusta, WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro, Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, BOYLE of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, GERZOSKY of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, JOHNSON of Lincoln, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAZUREK of Knox, VITELLI of Sagadahoc) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms" (H.P. 1175) (L.D. 1603) (Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, GILLWAY of Searsport, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Make Technical Changes to Marine Resources Laws" (H.P. 1176) (L.D. 1604) (Sponsored by Representative WEAVER of York) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODBURY of Cumberland and Representatives: KRUGER of Thomaston, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, PARRY of Arundel, SAXTON of Harpswell, WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro, Senator: JOHNSON of Lincoln) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Aquaculture Laws" (H.P. 1177) (L.D. 1605) (Sponsored by Representative DEVIN of Newcastle) (Cosponsored by Representative: EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Clarify the Law Concerning Maine's Elver Fishing License" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1197) (L.D. 1625) (Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle) (Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representative: EVANGELOS of Friendship) (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

State and Local Government

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans by Establishing a Homeless Veterans Shelter (H.P. 1178) (L.D. 1606) (Sponsored by Representative WILSON of Augusta) (Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRIGGS of Mexico, CHENETTE of Saco, DeCHANT of Bath, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILL of Old Town, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, FOWLE of Vassalboro, FREDETTE of Newport, GIDEON of Freeport, GILBERT of Jay, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, GRANT of Gardiner, HAMANN of South Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HOBBS of Saco, JOHNSON of Greenville, JONES of Freedom, KINNEY of Limington, KUSIAK of Fairfield, LOCKMAN of Amherst, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAREAN of Hollis, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, MORIARTY of Cumberland, MORRISON of South Portland, POULIOT of Augusta, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SHORT of Pittsfield, SIROCKI of Scarborough, THERIAULT of Madawaska, VEROW of Brewer, WERTS of Auburn, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senator: BURNS of Washington) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Taxation

Bill "An Act To Reinstate Statutory Authority for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1179) (L.D. 1607) (Sponsored by Representative CAREY of Lewiston) (Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, FREY of Bangor, MORIARTY of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Lewiston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes" (H.P. 1180) (L.D. 1608) (Sponsored by Representative WELSH of Rockport) (Cosponsored by Senator BOYLE of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, REED of Carmel) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans" (H.P. 1181) (L.D. 1609) (Sponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford) (Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, GRANT of Gardiner, HERBIG of Belfast, ROCHELO of Biddeford, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor, THERIAULT of Madawaska, VEROW of Brewer) (Approved for

introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Allow a Municipality To Abate Taxes Assessed on Property That Is Destroyed" (H.P. 1182) (L.D. 1610) (Sponsored by Representative COOPER of Yarmouth) (Cosponsored by Senator WOODBURY of Cumberland and Representatives: GOODE of Bangor, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, MORIARTY of Cumberland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Transportation

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 4: Maine Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1156) (L.D. 1585) (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.)

Bill "An Act Concerning Learner's Permits" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1183) (L.D. 1611) (Sponsored by Representative PEOPLES of Westbrook) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Veterans and Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act To Amend the Veterans' Services Laws" (H.P. 1184) (L.D. 1612) (Sponsored by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, GIFFORD of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor) (Submitted by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Define 'Agent' and 'Candidate's Political Committee' in the Laws Regarding Limitations on Campaign Contributions and Expenditures" (H.P. 1185) (L.D. 1613) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Laws Governing Liquor Licensing and Enforcement" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1186) (L.D. 1614) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend the Election Laws" (EMERGENCY) (H.P. 1187) (L.D. 1615) (Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth) (Cosponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HOBBS of Saco, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: COLLINS of York, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, JACKSON of Aroostook, MAZUREK of Knox, VALENTINO of York) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Bill "An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws" (H.P. 1171) (L.D. 1675) (Sponsored by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

S/Darek M. Grant

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.P. 1225)

**COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
PO BOX 297, COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MACHIAS, MAINE 04654**

November 15, 2013

Honorable Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

Maine Legislature

Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Washington County LUPC Nominee

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

At the November 14, 2013 regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington County Commissioners, the Board selected Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager, to fill the Washington County seat on the Land Use Planning Commission.

Ms. Fitzgerald is a resident of the Town of Machiasport and currently serves as the co-Supervisor of the Unorganized Territories. She has served as the County Manager since January, 2010, and is well acquainted with the issues facing the unorganized territories here in Washington County.

Sincerely,

S/Christopher M. Gardner

Chairman

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Sent for concurrence.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 291)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 8, 2014

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority, I have appointed the following members to serve on boards, committees and commissions:

Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee, H.P. 1136

Laurie Kane-Lewis of Leeds

David Shipman of China

Bob Dawber of Portland, replacing Doug Gardner of Portland

Criminal Code Revision Planning Committee, S.P. 31)

Representative Michael E. Carey of Lewiston

Representative Charles R. Priest of Brunswick

Representative Corey Scott Wilson of Augusta

Forensic Mental Health Services Oversight Committee, Public Law 2013,

Chapter 434, §12

Representative Drew M. Gattine of Westbrook

Representative Mark N. Dion of Portland

Representative Aaron M. Frey of Bangor

Representative Stacey K. Guerin of Glenburn

Representative Richard S. Malaby of Hancock

Commission to Study Long-Term Care Facilities, Resolve 2013, Chapter 78

Representative Beth P. Turner of Burlington, replacing

Representative Richard S. Malaby of Hancock

Maine Library of Geographic Information Board, Title 5, MRSA, §2003 reappointing

Kenneth Murchison, Jr. of Caribou

Substance Abuse Services Commission, Title 5, MRSA, Chapter 521, §20065

Representative Katherine W. Cassidy of Lubec

Representative Ann E. Dorney of Norridgewock

Representative Peter C. Stuckey of Portland

Representative Carol A. McElwee of Caribou

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 292)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

September 13, 2013

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Eloise A. Vitelli as chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. She will be replacing Senator Troy Jackson.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 293)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

September 13, 2013

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to my authority under Joint Rule 351 and S.P. 27, I have appointed Senator Eloise A. Vitelli to the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future. She will be replacing Senator Seth A. Goodall. Additionally, I have named Senator Linda M. Valentino as Senate Chair.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 294)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

October 11, 2013

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10, MRSA, §929-A, and in agreement with Governor LePage, we have appointed the following to the Maine Economic Growth Council:

Representative Jennifer DeChant of Bath

Representative Matthew G. Pouliot of Augusta

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 295)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

October 11, 2013

Honorable Millicent M. MacFarland

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk MacFarland:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10, MRSA, §929-A, and in agreement with Governor LePage, we are pleased to make the following appointments to the Maine Economic Growth Council:

Senator Eloise A. Vitelli of Sagadahoc

Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot

Timothy Hussey of North Berwick

Thomas Kittredge of Dover-Foxcroft

John Napolitano of North Yarmouth

Wendy Wolf of Augusta

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 296)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

September 26, 2013

TO: Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

FROM: S/Beth Ashcroft, Director

RE: Public Utilities Commission Report

Enclosed please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on the Public Utilities Commission. The report is also available on our website at <http://www.maine.gov/legis/oepga/Reports.html>. The public

comment period on this Report has been scheduled for October 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 206 Cross Building.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 297)

**STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF TAX POLICY
MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
24 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0024**

October 1, 2013

Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

Members of the 126th Maine Legislature:

Pursuant to 5 MRSA, §13070-J, Maine Revenue Services is required to submit a report to the Legislature identifying the revenue foregone as the result of the Jobs and Investment Tax Credit ("JITC"), the Research Expense Tax Credit ("R&D"), the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit, the Shipbuilding Facility Credit, the Credit for Pollution-Reducing Boilers, and public funds spent on the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program ("BETR"). Attached are four reports that provide you with this information.

The first attachment shows the number of individual and corporate JITC, R&D, and Seed Capital credits for tax year 2011, as well as the value of those credits. Tax year 2011 is the last year for which we have full information on both corporate and individual filers. Statutes governing the release of confidential taxpayer information prevent us from reporting the names of the corporations or individuals that benefited from these tax credits. No taxpayer took advantage of the Credit for Pollution-Reducing Boilers for tax year 2011.

The second attachment explains the Shipbuilding Facility credit. As required by statute, the report provides information on the level of employment, yearly investment and the cumulative amount of investment. Since the inception of the credit, the level of employment has been such that the annual cost to the state treasury has exceeded the base credit amount of \$3 million per year.

The third attachment is a list of BETR recipients. For purposes of this report, businesses that filed for reimbursement during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 are listed. Recipients filed between August 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012 for eligible property taxes paid during calendar year 2011. For that period the state reimbursed \$48,847,400 to approximately 1,668 companies.

Public Law 2009, chapter 337 (LD 1468) amended the definition of "economic development incentive" in §13070-J to include not only the incentives listed above, but "federal and state statutorily defined programs that receive state funds, dedicated revenue funds and tax expenditures as defined by §1666 whose purposes are to create, attract or retain business entities related to business development in the State." The additional incentives identified in this new law can be found in the Maine State Tax Expenditure Report 2014 – 2015 prepared for the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

If you have any questions on this report please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S/Michael J. Allen

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 298)

**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
66 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0066**

October 3, 2013

Honorable Paul R. LePage

Governor of Maine

Honorable Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

I am pleased to submit our Report on State Agency Follow-up to Referrals from the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline. The Department of Audit completed procedures to determine whether State agencies performed adequate follow-up, and to identify the outcome of follow-up activities.

A summary of our findings is attached.

Sincerely,

S/Pola A. Buckley, CPA, CISA

State Auditor

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 299)

**STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
120 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0120**

October 24, 2013

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to 26 MRSA, Chapter 25, §2006, Sub§5-B, enclosed are copies of the 2013 Annual Report prepared by the Commission on Disability and Employment.

We are very enthusiastic about the recent restructuring of the State Workforce Investment Board and as its Subcommittee on Disability and Employment and look forward to working with the Executive and Legislative Branches of State Government to increase employment of people with disabilities in Maine.

The report is also available on our website at <http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=492693&an=1>. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me 591-5300 or by email at mclarrage1@maine.rr.com

Sincerely,

S/Mel Clarrage, Chair

Commission on Disability and Employment

State Workforce Investment Board

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 300)

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

December 17, 2013

TO: Honorable Justin L. Alfond, President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Speaker of the House

FROM: S/Beth Ashcroft, Director

RE: Healthy Maine Partnerships' FY13 Contracts and Funding Report

Enclosed please find the final report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability on the Healthy Maine Partnerships' FY13 Contracts and Funding. The report is also available on our website at <http://www.maine.gov/legis/oepga/Reports.html>. The public comment period on this Report has been scheduled for January 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 220 Cross Building. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 301)

**STATE OF MAINE
126TH MAINE LEGISLATURE
COMMISSION TO STUDY LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES**

December 19, 2013

Honorable Justin L. Alfond

President of the Senate

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear President Alfond and Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Resolve 2013, Chapter 78, the Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities is pleased to submit its final report. Copies of the full report have been distributed to committees and individuals as directed by law and copies have been placed on file with the Law and Legislative Reference Library. Others may access the full report on-line through the website of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis at www.maine.gov/legis/opla.

Sincerely,

S/Margaret M. Craven

Senate Chair

S/Peter C. Stuckey

House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

Subsequently, Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which it was charged.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 302)

**STATE OF MAINE
CLERK'S OFFICE
2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 8, 2014

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Beck of Waterville, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw":

L.D. 300 An Act To Protect School Administrative Units and Taxpayers
Pursuant to Joint Rule 310, the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has approved the request by the sponsor, Representative Shaw of Standish, to report the following "Leave to Withdraw":

L.D. 931 An Act To Prevent Fish Kills and To Allow for Recreational Use of Sebago Lake

Sincerely,
S/Millicent M. MacFarland
Clerk of the House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1201) (L.D. 1678)

Sponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, KRUGER of Thomaston, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill "An Act To Appropriate Funds for the Ongoing Operation of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy"

(H.P. 1202) (L.D. 1679)

Sponsored by Representative DION of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator PLUMMER of Cumberland and Representatives: LAJOIE of Lewiston, LONG of Sherman, MARKS of Pittston, PEASE of Morrill, WILSON of Augusta, Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, GERZOFKY of Cumberland.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Subsequently, Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Gambling and Criminal History Record Checks"

(H.P. 1204) (L.D. 1681)

Sponsored by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Prevention Education Program within the Department of Education" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1223) (L.D. 1699)

Sponsored by Representative PRINGLE of Windham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FREDETTE of Newport, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth,

KORNFELD of Bangor, KUSIAK of Fairfield, NELSON of Falmouth, SANBORN of Gorham, WILLETTE of Mapleton.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career and Academic Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students"

(H.P. 1227) (L.D. 1716)

Sponsored by Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, BEAVERS of South Berwick, KORNFELD of Bangor, KUSIAK of Fairfield, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MAKER of Calais.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Bill "An Act To Amend the Anson and Madison Water District Charter"

(H.P. 1217) (L.D. 1693)

Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Embden.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill "An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1218) (L.D. 1694)

Sponsored by Representative KESCHL of Belgrade.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Harpswell, Representative SAXTON, and he was added to the quorum call of the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services"

(H.P. 1205) (L.D. 1682)

Sponsored by Representative FREY of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FREDETTE of Newport, POULIOT of Augusta, SANBORN of Gorham, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, TUTTLE of York.
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse and Neglect"

(H.P. 1208) (L.D. 1685)

Sponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CHIPMAN of Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, HAMANN of South Portland, MORRISON of South Portland, PRINGLE of Windham, VEROW of Brewer.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1209) (L.D. 1686)

Sponsored by Representative GIDEON of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, COOPER of Yarmouth, DORNEY of Norridgewock, McGOWAN of York, RYKERSON of Kittery, SANBORN of Gorham, WILSON of Augusta, Senator: GERZOFKY of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Improve Degree and Career Attainment for Former Foster Children"

(H.P. 1206) (L.D. 1683)

Sponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.

Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GILLWAY of Searsport, SANBORN of Gorham, Senators: BOYLE of Cumberland, COLLINS of York, GRATWICK of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

Bill "An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children Placed in Guardianship for the School Lunch and Milk Program"

(H.P. 1207) (L.D. 1684)

Sponsored by Representative MALABY of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested.

On motion of Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fishway on Webber Pond in Vassalboro"

(H.P. 1219) (L.D. 1695)

Sponsored by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and Representatives: MARKS of Pittston, NADEAU of Winslow, SHORT of Pittsfield.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the Penobscot Nation" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1211) (L.D. 1688)

Sponsored by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.

Cosponsored by Senator VALENTINO of York and Representatives: DILL of Old Town, MORRISON of South

Portland, THERIAULT of Madawaska, Senator: MAZUREK of Knox.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts"

(H.P. 1221) (L.D. 1697)

Sponsored by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Senator BOYLE of Cumberland and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, BRIGGS of Mexico, CAREY of Lewiston, CHIPMAN of Portland, COOPER of Yarmouth, DeCHANT of Bath, DILL of Old Town, DORNEY of Norridgewock, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GATTINE of Westbrook, GILBERT of Jay, GRANT of Gardiner, HAMANN of South Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, KINNEY of Limington, KUSIAK of Fairfield, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MARKS of Pittston, McCABE of Skowhegan, NADEAU of Winslow, PRINGLE of Windham, RYKERSON of Kittery, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor, VEROW of Brewer, WERTS of Auburn, Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Create Parity for Proprietary Information Submitted to the Department of Marine Resources"

(H.P. 1210) (L.D. 1687)

Sponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative PRIEST of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing"

(H.P. 1212) (L.D. 1689)

Sponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln and Representatives: BECK of Waterville, DeCHANT of Bath, DEVIN of Newcastle, GILBERT of Jay, McGOWAN of York, MOONEN of Portland, MORIARTY of Cumberland, WILSON of Augusta.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative PRIEST of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Concerning Confidential Records Received by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices"

(H.P. 1213) (L.D. 1690)

Sponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.

Submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested.

On motion of Representative PRIEST of Brunswick, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Bill "An Act To Streamline the Work Permitting Process for Minors and To Conform Allowable Places That Minors May Work to Federal Law" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1222) (L.D. 1698)

Sponsored by Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, MALABY of Hancock, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act To Stop Unlicensed Loan Transactions"

(H.P. 1214) (L.D. 1691)

Sponsored by Representative POWERS of Naples.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and Representatives: FREY of Bangor, GILBERT of Jay, KORNFIELD of Bangor, KUSIAK of Fairfield, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, NADEAU of Winslow, PLANTE of Berwick, SHORT of Pittsfield.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**, ordered printed and sent for concurrence.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan"

(H.P. 1220) (L.D. 1696)

Sponsored by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BOLAND of Sanford, BRIGGS of Mexico, CHENETTE of Saco, COOPER of Yarmouth, DILL of Old Town, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GATTINE of Westbrook, GILBERT of Jay, GRANT of Gardiner, HICKMAN of Winthrop, KORNFIELD of Bangor, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MARKS of Pittston, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, McCABE of Skowhegan, NADEAU of Winslow, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SHORT of Pittsfield, VEROW of Brewer, WERTS of Auburn.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Persons Receiving Long-term Care" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1226) (L.D. 1715)

Sponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Ensure That Local Businesses Are Notified of Construction Projects"

(H.P. 1215) (L.D. 1692)

Sponsored by Representative WERTS of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: LAJOIE of Lewiston, SHORT of Pittsfield, VEROW of Brewer.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Bill "An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1203) (L.D. 1680)

Sponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: DILL of Old Town, KINNEY of Limington, PARRY of Arundel, SANBORN of Gorham, Senators: FLOOD of Kennebec, VALENTINO of York.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, **TABLED** pending **REFERENCE** and later today assigned.

**Pursuant to Statute
Combat Sports Authority of Maine**

Representative HERBIG for the **Combat Sports Authority of Maine** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 asks leave to report that the accompanying Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 13: Fees for Boxing Events and Authorized Participants, a Major Substantive Rule of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1224) (L.D. 1700)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act To Permit the Sharing of Revenue from the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Sporting Events"

(S.P. 679) (L.D. 1713)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education

(S.P. 667) (L.D. 1702)

Bill "An Act To Increase College Affordability and the Rate of Degree Completion"

(S.P. 668) (L.D. 1703)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Change of Committee

Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** on Bill "An Act To Support School Nutrition and Expand the Local Foods Economy" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 517) (L.D. 1431)

Reporting that it be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Came from the Senate with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** in concurrence.

On motion of Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington, the House adjourned at 11:04 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2014.